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**JGFDS-PR-218 SUPERVISOR GONZALES SUPPORTS ARTS TASK FORCE  
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#### **FUNDS FROM SUPERVISOR GONZALES SUPPORTING ARTS IN THE COUNTY**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Creation of a regional cultural plan to build greater recognition of quality arts in the county received financial support today from San Bernardino County 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Gonzales' allocation of \$10,000 to help The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties' Cultural Task Force develop a regional cultural plan.

"This Task Force will work on a defined, sustainable plan to enhance and promote the arts here in the Inland Empire," said Supervisor Gonzales.

"We have our own wealth of artistic talent in every medium," she added. "We need opportunities locally where our residents can enjoy and appreciate these talents as well as other world renowned artists for years to come."

Supervisor Gonzales' support complements the James Irvine Foundation grant that The Community Foundation received to develop the regional cultural plan.

"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail," said Jonathan Yorba, an advisory council member of The Community Foundation and chair of its Cultural Plan Task Force.

"This significant allocation will greatly advance the regional cultural planning effort that has been seeded in this important area of California by The James Irvine Foundation," Yorba said.

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The Cultural Plan Task Force will bring focus to existing and potential infrastructure needed to make the Inland Empire an important arts and cultural region in Southern California. In doing so, the county will benefit from increased cultural opportunities and a more well-round quality of life.

“We are so pleased and appreciative of the leadership and vision of Supervisor Josie Gonzales, for her role in championing the arts throughout San Bernardino County,” said James H. Erickson, president and chief executive officer of The Community Foundation.

“With the leadership of Supervisor Gonzales and Dr. Jonathan Yorba, we are confident we will initiate an effective plan in San Bernardino County,” said Erickson.

The Task Force plans to meet again in February 2009. For more information on the Cultural Plan Task Force call (951) 826-5608.

*The 5<sup>th</sup> District of San Bernardino County includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the City of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the City of Fontana.*

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